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Last year, I bought a condominium on a new development in the State of Virginia. The developer entered into a 25 to 75 year communications agreement with Cox Communications. Virginia Condominium Code 55-79.74 limits the time period for contracts entered during the declarant (developer) period to two years, but the HOA that is also controled by the developer enforces this contract. The developer knows that in order to invalidate these contracts, homeowners would have to take the developer to court for a lengthy battle.

Wired communities legal agreements are very complex, as with any legal arrangement designed to deceive. I have not been able to see my contract yet, as it is buried within multiple companies and out of my reach. For those who like to understand the complexity of these arrangements, enclosed is a document that explains the basics.

Since these arrangements are so complex and no one at the state levels is willing to help, I ask the FCC to step in and relief the consumers from these abusive practices. I own a home, but someone lock me into a service contract for the next 75 years, creating a third party infringement on my private property. I request the FCC ban developer and private cable operator from entering into bulk billing and exclusive agreement with homeowners associations and cable operators. These agreements just give additional profit to the developer and steady income for cable companies by taking away my right to select a service provider.

Respectfully,  
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